

Los Alamos Branch AAUW Fall 2006

Fall General Meeting and Brunch

Saturday, September 16

10:00 AM -12:30 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

2390 North Road, Los Alamos

If you know a former member who would enjoy reconnecting with old friends or a friend or co-worker who might enjoy our activities please bring her along. The Council hopes to see all of you at the Brunch!

Please bring your own place setting and some food to share. The council members will be providing drinks and breads.

Study group chairs will make brief presentations. Sign up for your old favorites or try something new at their respective tables.

Our AAUW New Mexico State Co-Presidents, Nina Thayer and Nancy Scheer will present the program “**Does The Yellow Brick Road Lead To Equity?**”

Please pay your dues at this meeting if you have not already done so. This will assure your place in the Branch Membership Directory.

Branch News

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers, a charter member of the Los Alamos Branch of AAUW, died at age 83, on August 22, 2006 after a long illness. She was also Past AAUW President of New Mexico ('55-'57) and Past National AAUW President ('77-'81). Marjorie Bell was an educator, historian, activist, politician and the first woman to run for lieutenant governor in New Mexico. She was a strong advocate for women's rights and education, making this her lifelong mission. A memorial service was held at the United Church of Los Alamos on August 28, 2006 at 2:PM. She leaves behind many AAUW and other friends in Los Alamos and her husband, Bill Chambers, 336 Andanada, and family.

Los Alamos will be hosting the **State Fall Workshop** on October 21 and 22 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, starting at 9 AM. We expect attendance of about 45 women from all corners of our state. **The events of the 21st will also be the Los Alamos Branch October meeting.** Great programs have been planned for the day, including a 125th National AAUW birthday celebration. Full details of the day are in the current Roadrunner. Please plan to attend all day/evening or any part of the day/evening. The day ends with dinner at The Central Ave. Grill at 6:30 PM. Please register for the catered lunch and/or the dinner so

that we can have an accurate head count. The form is in the Roadrunner. The planning committee, under the leadership of Natalie Markin (662-9399) (natalie@lanb.com) looks forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the October 21-22 meetings, including offering your home as a Bed and Breakfast for the participant(s) who request such an accommodation. There will be sign-up sheets at the Brunch. Please lend a hand to make this meeting a success. Thank you in advance.

The next Fall Workshop Volunteer meeting is Tuesday, October 10 at 7:15 at Pat Mendius'.

The next Coordinating Council meeting is Thursday, September 28, at 7:15, at Pat Mendius'.

Volunteers are needed for vacant Council positions: Program and Public Policy.

Study Group Schedules are posted at:

http://aauw-nm.org/los_almos_study_groups.html

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at georgeje@acm.org and Alahna Weller at jrlilley@nm.net.

Non-Fiction Book Group:

The Sept 18 book is 1491. Peggy Lazarus is the discussion leader. The meeting is at the home of Rozelle Wright at 7:30 at 213 Barranca Rd.

The World Cultures through Foods: The contact is Marilyn Minshall. (672-3499), 536, Brighton Dr.

The planning meeting for the dinners will be held on September 28 at 7:30 PM at Marilyn's.

Fiction Book Group: The September 11 book is Caliph's House by Tahir Shah. The discussion leader is Doris Lodwig. The meeting is at the home of Mary Ann Lindahl at 7:30 at 201 San Juan. The October 2 book is The Memory Keeper's Daughter. The meeting is at the home of Pat Mendius at 7:30 PM.

The Mystery Book Club : www.lamountain.ws/mystery.html

Great Decisions Groups:

Carroll Thomas is the coordinator of the day-time *Great Decisions* group. All meetings are at 10 AM, starting in January or February.

Helena Whyte is the coordinator of the evening Great Decisions group. All meetings are at 7:30, starting in January or February.

Local news:

The League of Women Voters has invited us to attend the September 14th open membership meeting. The speaker is Dick Mason. Dick will speak on health care reform both in New Mexico and elsewhere. He moved to Albuquerque from Massachusetts and knows a lot about that recent legislation. He has become very active in NM in several health care reform coalitions, of which LWVNM is a member. The meeting will be at Fuller Lodge; finger food and desserts at 6:30, speaker at 7:30.

AAUW and the League of Women Voters are cosponsoring two candidate forums: September 21 at Fuller Lodge, 6:30-9 PM for county council candidates only, and October 4, also at Fuller Lodge, 6:30-9 PM for all local candidates.

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National News:

The National AAUW 125th birthday celebration will be on Tuesday, November 25.

Three AAUW LAF plaintiffs found success in pay equity claims recently, with the support and help of LAF. The first case involved Lucinda Miller, former professor of pharmacy practice, and Elaine King-Miller, former associate dean for outcome management at the University. Miller sued Texas Tech for sex discrimination, denial of tenure and retaliation for complaints about the discrimination and pay inequity in violation of the Equal Pay Act. King-Miller sued for pay inequity. A jury found in favor of Miller and King-Miller's Equal Pay Act claims and awarded them \$58,000 combined in lost wages.

The third plaintiff, Lynn deMartin, former director of the Santa Fe Center at NM Highlands University, sued the school for sex discrimination in pay, race discrimination, and retaliation for her complaints, resulting in wrongful termination. Several ensuing settlement conferences failed. The day AAUW LAF informed deMartin that it would support her case the University made a generous settlement offer.

Branch Calendar

September	11	Fiction Book Group, <u>The Caliph's House</u> , home of Mary Ann Lindahl at 7:30 PM
September	14	League of women Voters health care reform mtg. Fuller Lodge, 7:30 PM
September	16	Fall Brunch, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10:00-12:30 AM
September	18	Non-fiction Book Group, <u>1491</u> , home of Rozelle Wright at 7:30 PM
September	21	AAUW/League of Women Voters candidate forum, Fuller Lodge, 6:30 PM
September	28	Coordinating Council mtg., 7:15 PM, Pat Mendius'
September	28	World Culture Through Foods Group, planning mtg. at Marilyn Minshall's, 7:30 PM
October	2	Fiction Book Group, <u>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</u> , at Pat Mendius', 7:30 PM
October	4	AAUW/League of Women Voters candidate forum, Fuller Lodge, 6:30 PM
Oct	21,22	State workshop in Los Alamos, Bethlehem Luthern Church at 9 AM

Coordinating Council for 2006-2007

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The November/December newsletter deadline is October 27th. Please send news to Alahna Weller and Denise George.